

**REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 18-32 are pending in this application. Claims 1-17 have been canceled, claim 19 has been amended, and claims 23-32 have been newly added. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification, claims, and drawings of the original application.

In addition, the specification has been amended to insert the required reference to the parent application, for which the benefit of priority is claimed, and to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

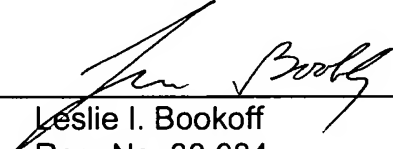
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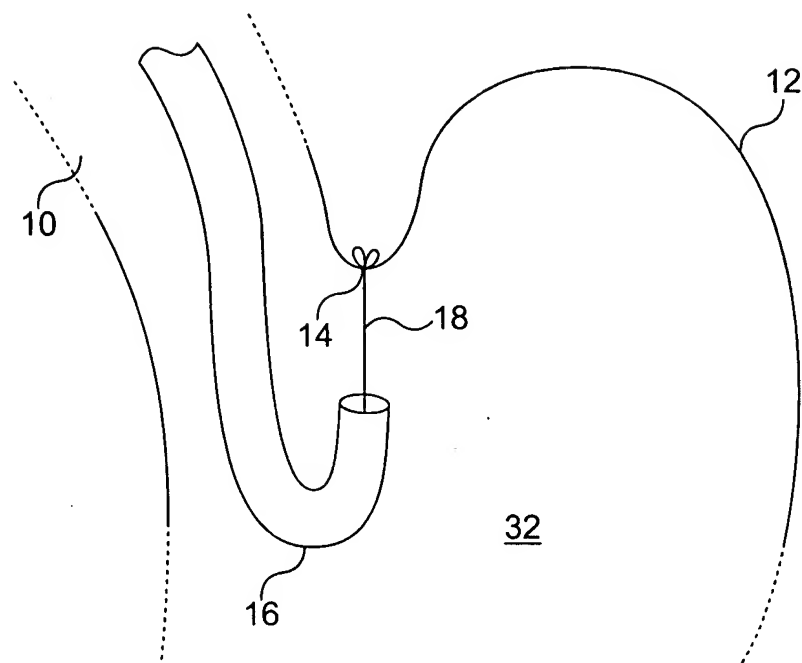
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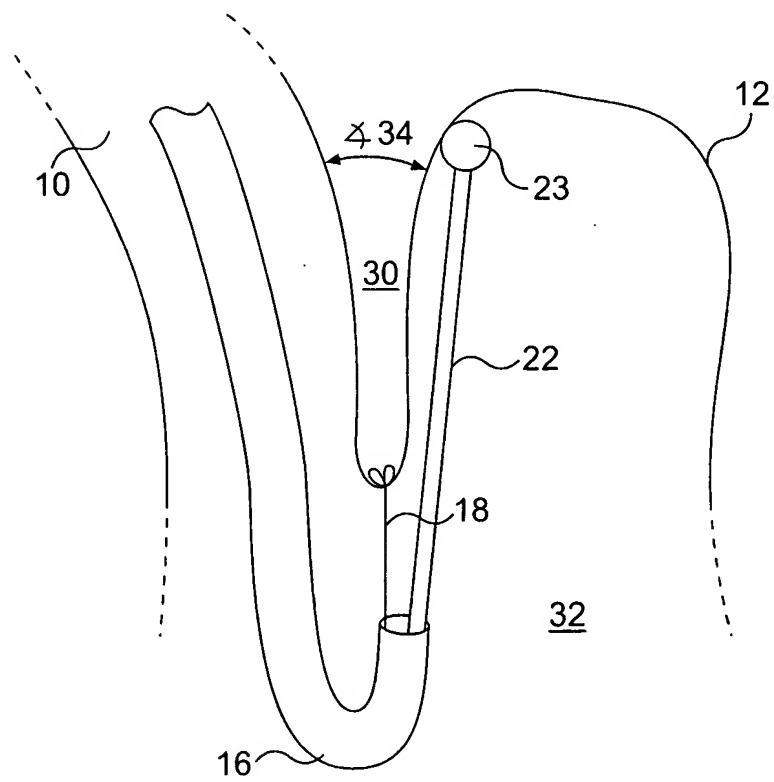
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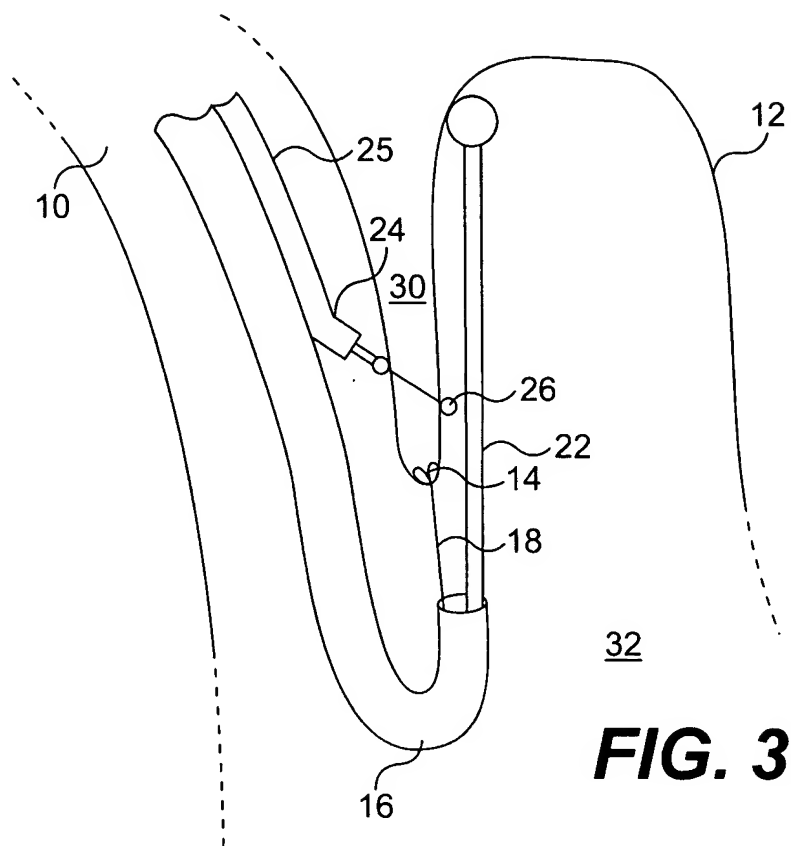
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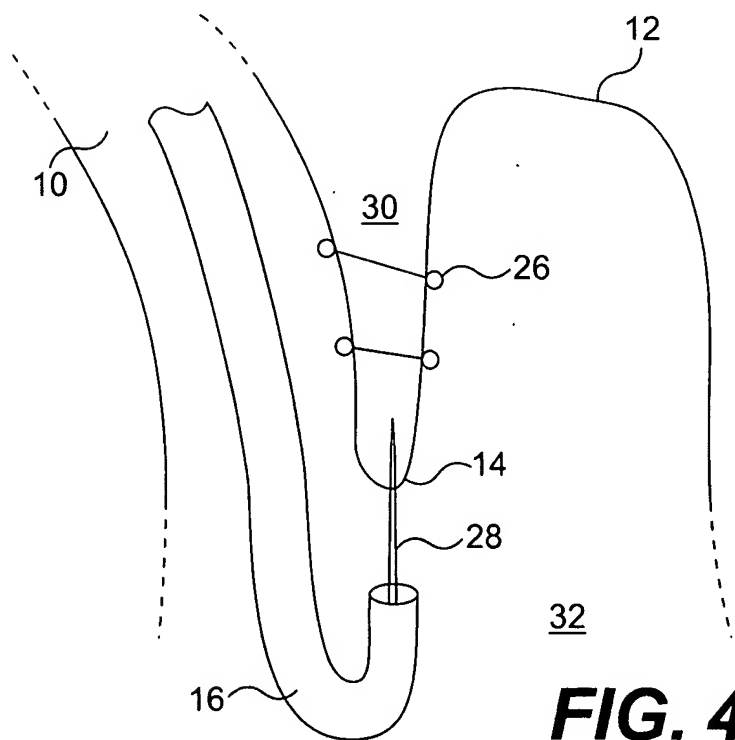
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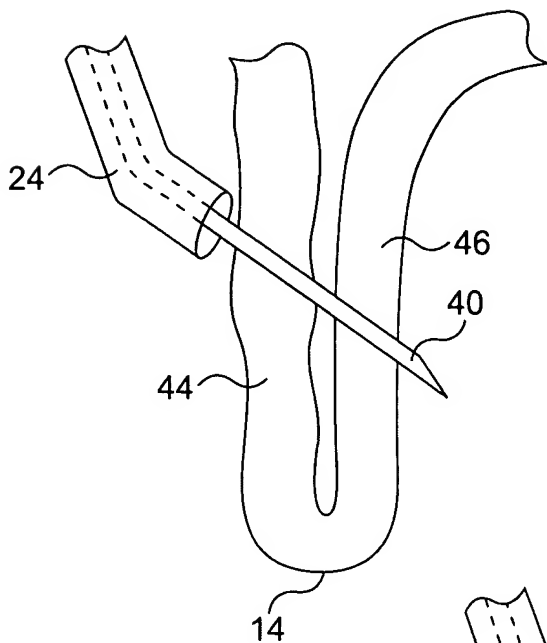
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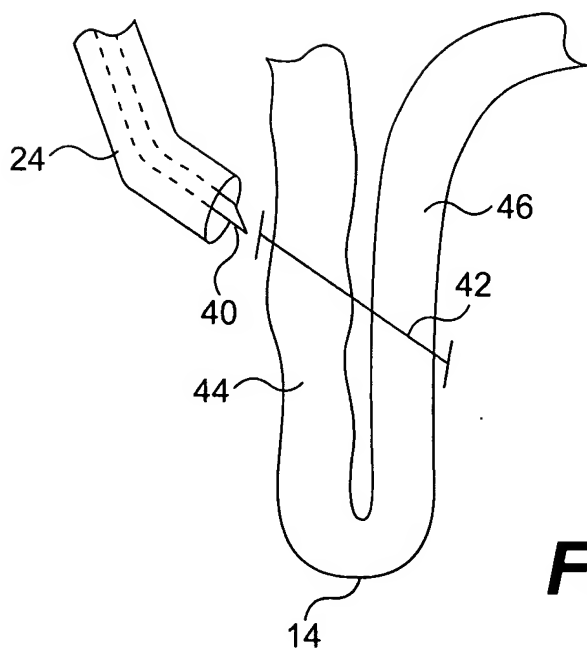
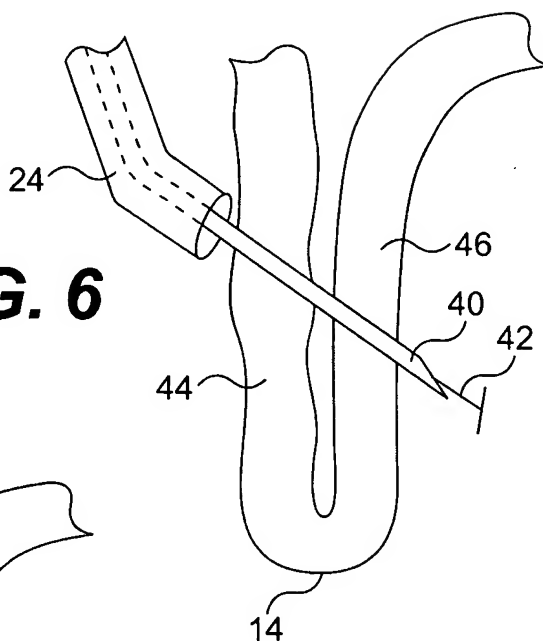
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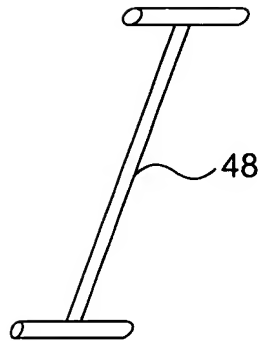


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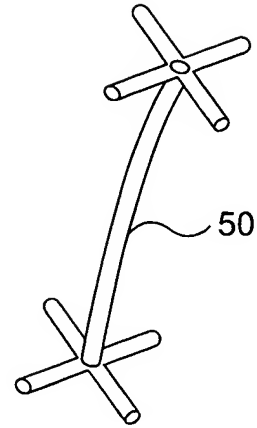


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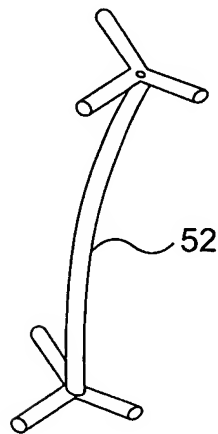




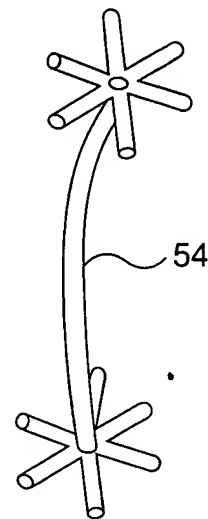
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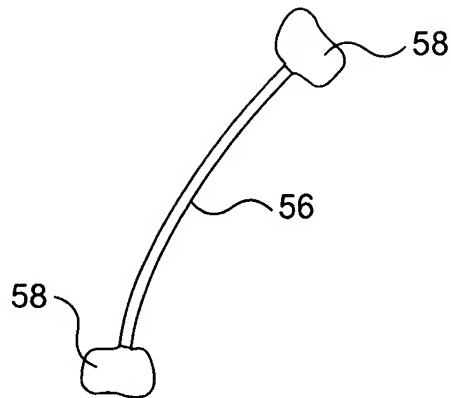
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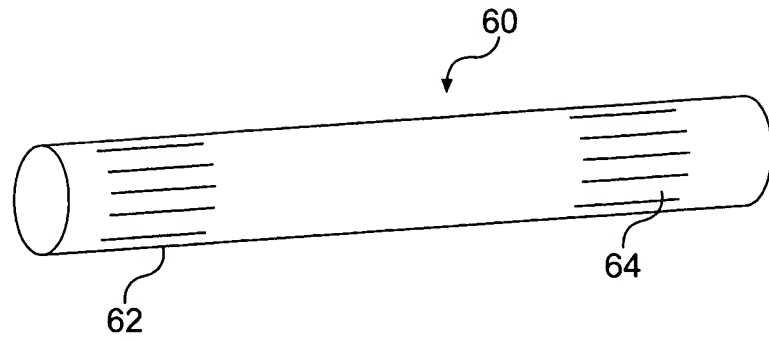
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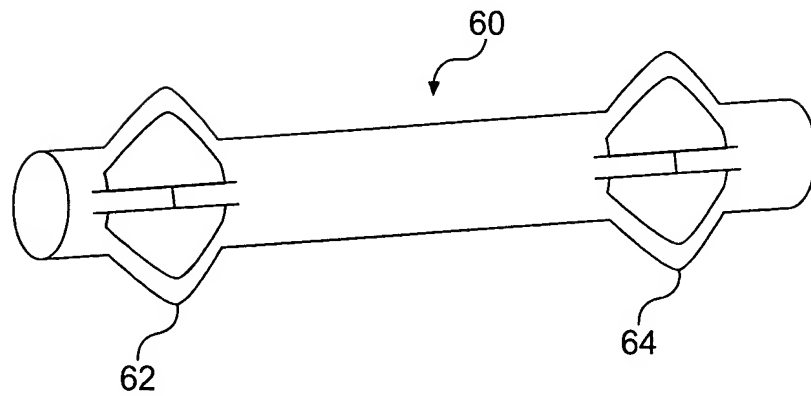
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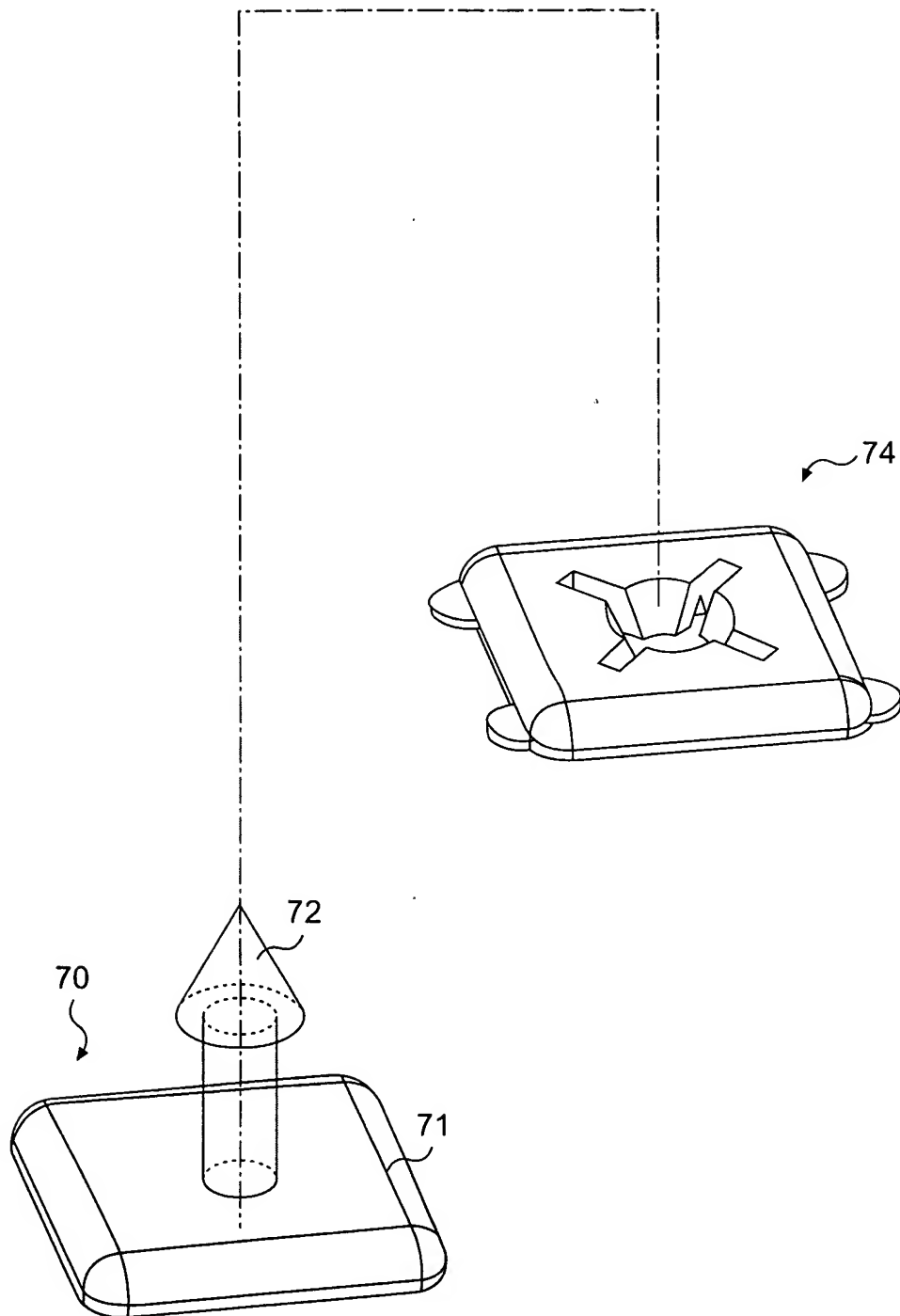
**FIG. 12**



**FIG. 13(a)**



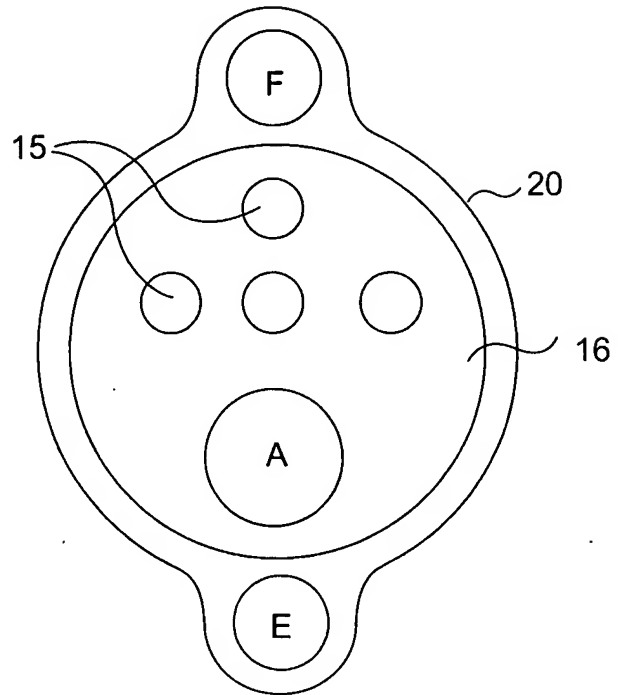
**FIG. 13(b)**



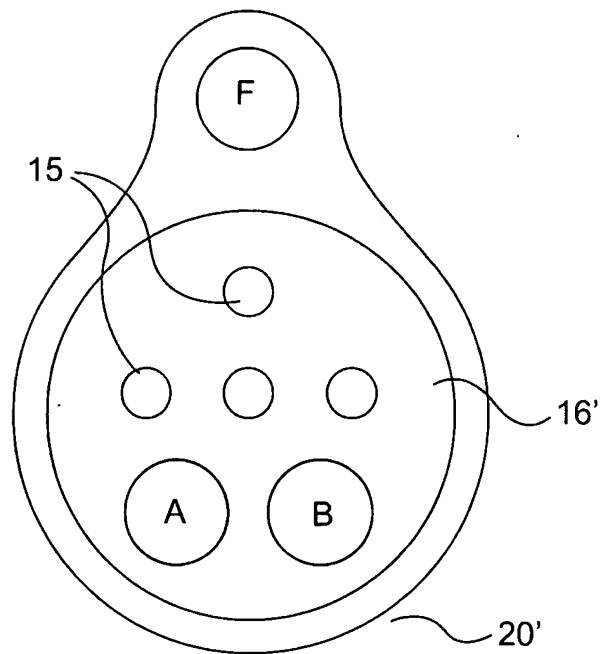
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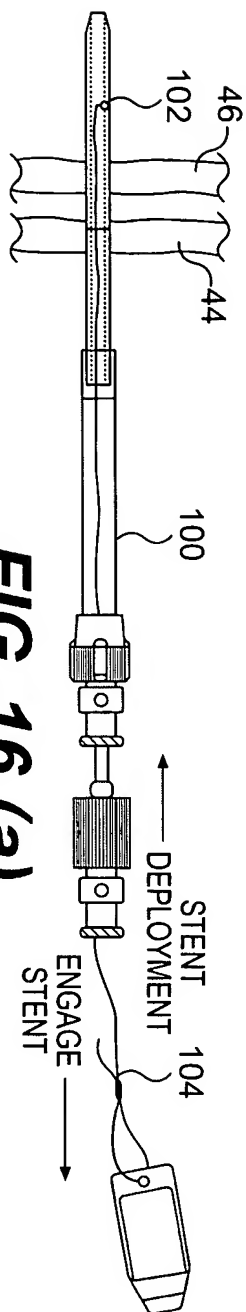


**FIG. 15(a)**

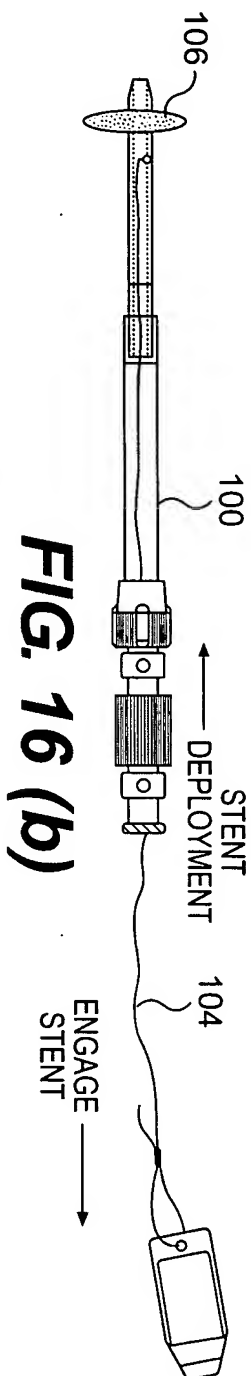


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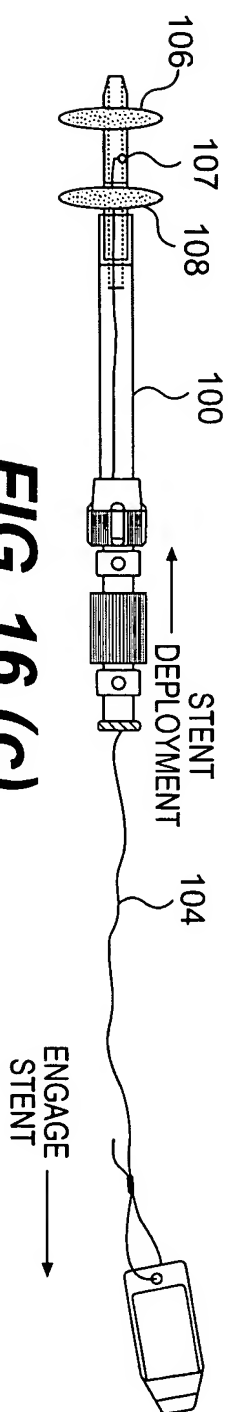




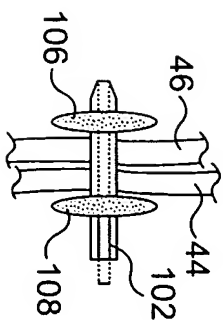
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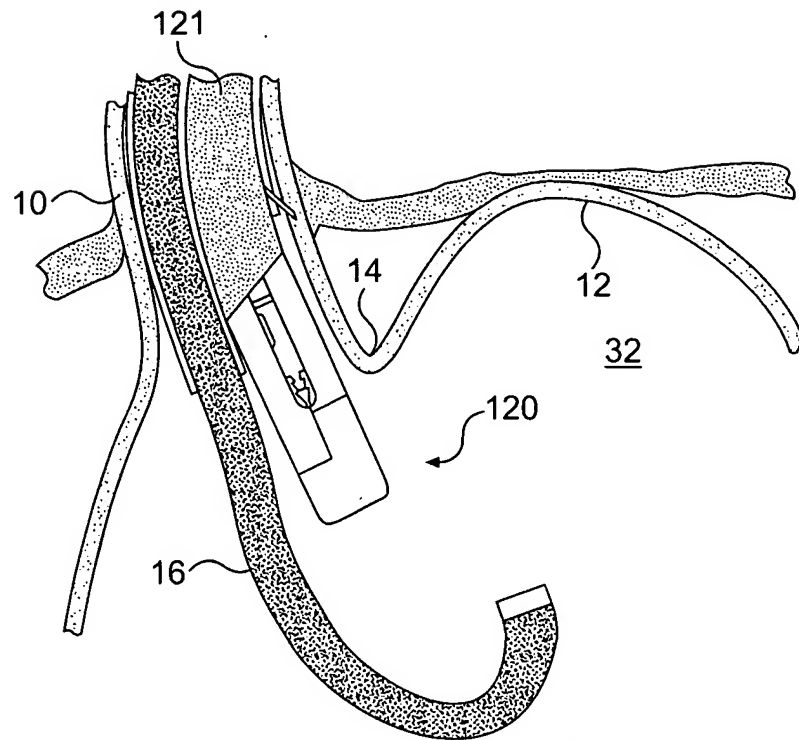
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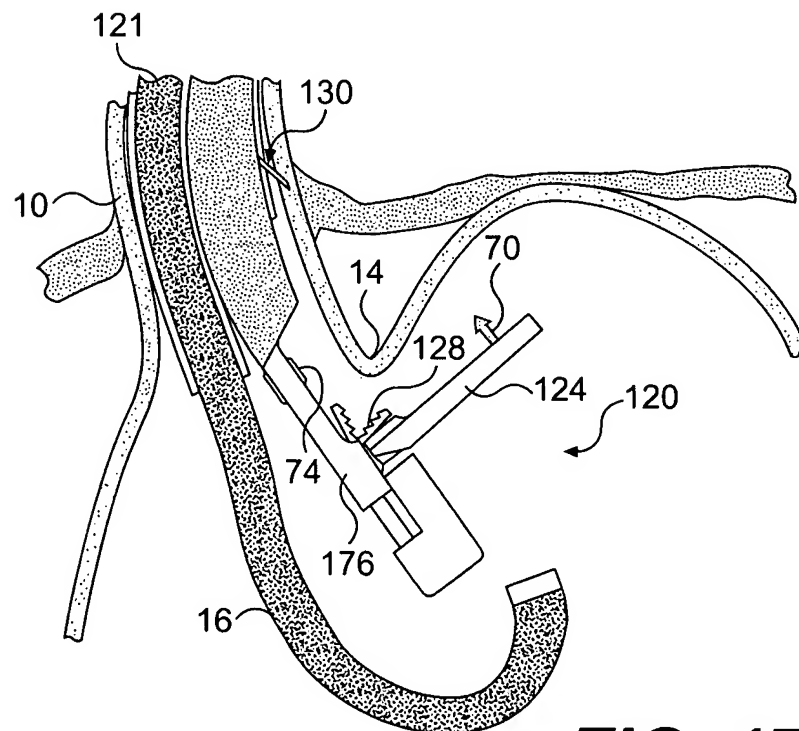
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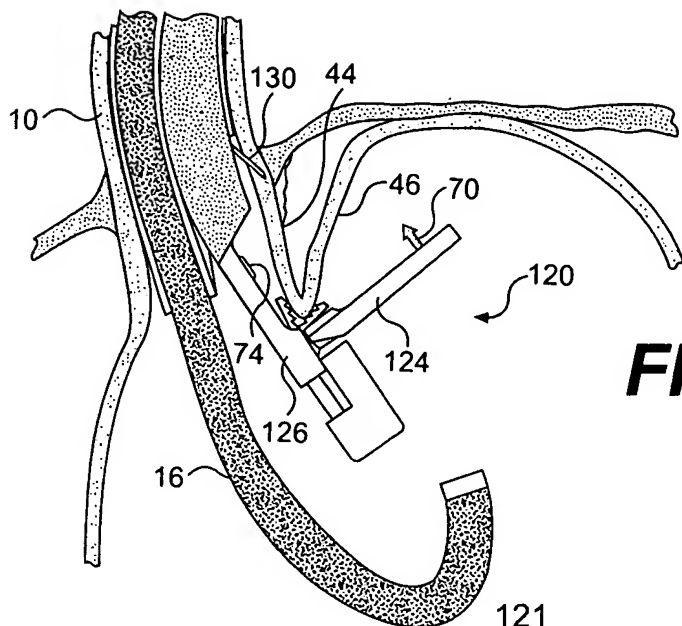
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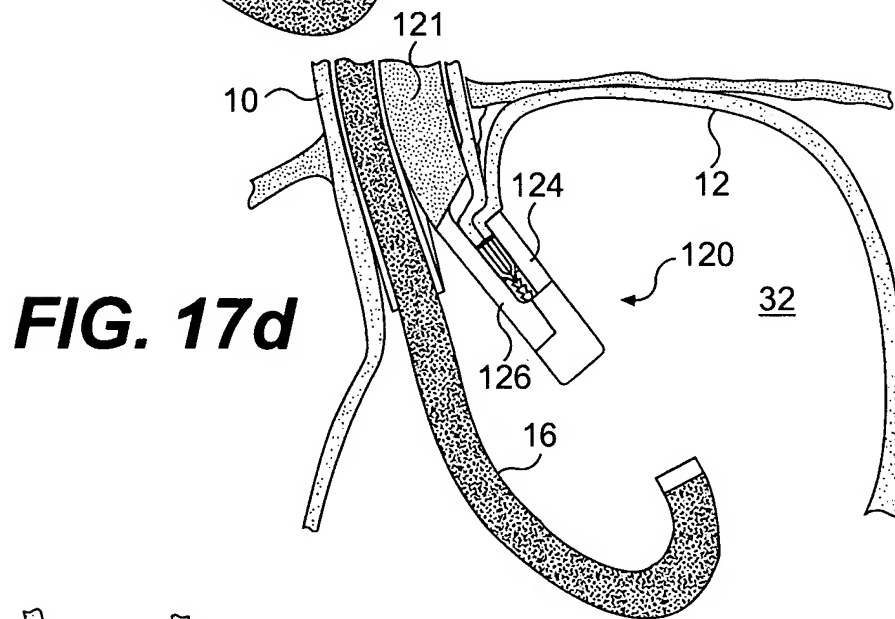
**FIG. 17a**



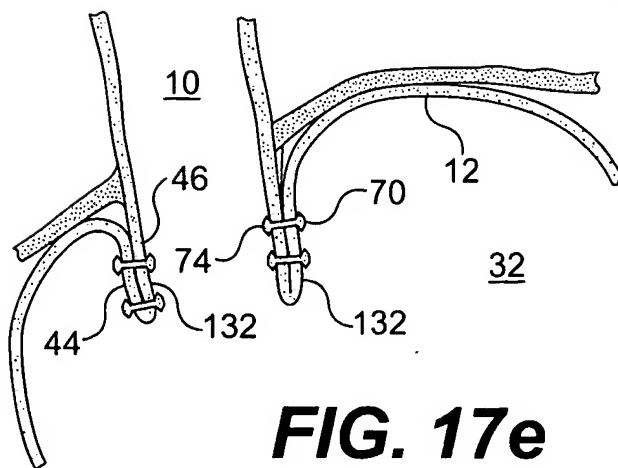
**FIG. 17b**



**FIG. 17c**



**FIG. 17d**



**FIG. 17e**